Starrett Company, one of the largest firms of builders in the city, does not take a very cheerful view of the outlook for the building industry in New York during the current year unless certain tendencies in the trade, now under pretty good headway,

between two conspiracies-a conspiracy of labor monopolists and a conspiracy of em-

*This condition exists now to even a worse extent than it did when THE SUN'S

entered into a conspiracy with the trades | this unions for the deliberate purpose of robbing owners. I do not say that this is the object | moment is of all the members of the Building Trades Employers' Association. There are some of them who are engaged in the conspiracy under the firm conviction that in so conspiring they are only taking legitimate measures to 'protect the business,' as they call it. 'Oh, Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!' was remarked once upon a time. 'Oh, protect the business, what crimes are committed in thy

in the building industry. To be sure, it is a little more timid than it was. The robbing and extortion which came back on the owners at last are not quite so barefaced and insolent as they were. But the condition is right there all the time. All it wants is the public to get to thinking about something else for a time and then it will be flourishing as much as ever and the walking delegate, who is in reality the agent, the 'bouncer,' as you might call him, of the Building Trades Employers' Association, will be lining his pockets with plunder once more as briskly as ever

"The idea of those who make protecting the business their excuse for joining in the compliancy, is to head off all competition by keeping out of New York builders who might come here from other portions of the country. This is done by an agreement with the trades unions. The Building Trades Employers' Association undertakes on its part to employ nobody but members of the unions. The unions on their part agree to work for nobody who is not a member of the Building Trades Employers' Association. And there you are, all ready to do business.

"And what is the method of doing bus-ness? The answer to that question was given during the Weinseimer trial in the testimony of Andrew H. Brown, president of the Contracting Plumbers' Association. Mr. Brown testified that he wrote a letter to Weinseimer telling him that the firm dainer the numbing work on a certain builddoing the plumbing work on a certain building was not a member of the Contracting Plumbers' Association and asking him.

ment, he was the of the employing plumbers to knock competition into line. Weinseimer went and saw those people and they saw him, with saw those people and they 'saw' bim, with what results we all no w know. The employers' organization does not care in what manner its bouncer makes the outside competitor suffer. If it is by tying him up with a strike, well and good. If it is by holding him up and robbing him of a large sum of money by extortion, well and good again, provided the extortioner does not get caught with the goods on him. That might lead to an investigation. It did in the Weinseimer case, and with the investigation came a turning on of the light on the conspiracy methods.

light on the conspiracy methods.

And right here I want to say that the one thing these conspirators cannot stand is the light. They are pretty badly scared and bewildered still by the glare of light that and bewildered still by the gare of high that was turned on their paculiar practices by the Parks trial and the Weinselmer trial and the exposure of the dressed building stone combine. What they want is darkness and silence to do their work in.

darkness and silence to do their work in. The more publicity there is about their doings, the worse it is for them.

"That's why I am perfectly free to do all this talking right now at this time. Unless the plans now in process of evolution are headed off by public intelligence being kept fully awake, the conspiracy will get a grip on the building industry of New York tighter than it ever had before. It is a very subtle and elusive conspiracy. It is laid along lines that leave the door open for very specious statements and denials. But once well established, it has got an iron grip.

seems further that New Year's calls began early and hospitably, involving the Gills, the Dillons and the Kehoes, and continued late; but all else is lost in memory's distance.

Magistrate Pool, in the West Side Court vectorday afternoon, tried to unravel the social mixup which suddenly occurred but he failed. To-day he will take another try. There are these exhibits.

Reilly with six cuts in his head and neck, a suit of overalls that resembles a football player's outfit, after the game, and a foggy

works through many ramifications. For instance, there is, first, the Building Trades Employers' Association. In that Trades Employers' Association. In that there are thirty employing organizations in as many different trades. If you are going to employ men in any of the trades represented by these thirty employers' organizations, you are supposed to be a member of the particular organizations representing the trades you wish to employ representing the trades you wish to employ. Our own firm some time ago had occasion to do a little shoring to a building adjacent to where we were putting up a structure. We had all experienced men, capable of handling this shoring work, and we put them to work at it. Soon we were notified that we must join the Employing House Shorers' Association. Well, we did join. It cost we must join the Employing House Shorers' Association. Well, we did join. It cost -us \$300 initiation fee, and the whole job of shoring did not amount to \$300. But we gave up the \$300 and then went on and did the work with our own men as before. If we hadn't some bedevilment or other would have been inflicted upon us. Probably the employers' association would not have appeared directly in it, but it would be appeared directly in it. but it would be appeared directly in it. appeared directly in it, but it would have been back of it.

So it is through all the thirty different trades that are represented in the e sub-ordinate employers' associations affiliated ordinate employers' associations affiliated with the Building Trades Employers' Association. The Iron League, another of these organizations, notified us that we were eligible to membership and wanted an initiation fee of \$500. They did not get it. We did apply for membership in the steam fitters' and the electrical contractors' associations, but our application in each instance was hung up.

tors' associations, but our application in each ins'ance was hung up.

"You see our company is what is called a 'department store.' That is, we go ahead and do the work of the different trades ourselves. This applies to thirteen of the trades cut of the thirty that are represented by employers' associations. The consequence of this is that we are not in favor. We are not in line with the scheme to have work on a building split up into as many different sub-let jobs as possible, each job affording its individual opportunity for Weinseimering, with waiting time and the whole gamut of delay and extortion that those who have undertaken

the outside and undertake to introduce to jail.

WHOIS RICHENOUGH TO BUILD?

CONSPIRACIES NOW RULE TRADE,
SAYS THEODORE STARRETT.

Employers' Organizations Aim to Kill
Competition and Use Walking Delegates as Bouncers—Independent Firms
Dubbed Pirates—Trade All at Sea.
Theodore Starrett of the Thompson-Starrett Company, one of the largest firms
Theodore Starrett of the Thompson-Starrett Company, one of the largest firms

The climate of competition in the building industry are 'pirates.' But the 'pirates' have not been deterred from coming in all the same. Some of the biggest tirms of the West have come in here lately.

"We did not scale the Chinese wall. We just pushed right through it. But others who have tried it in times past have not been so successful. A builder who came here with the contract to put up a large drygoods building on Sixth avenue was utterly ruined by the Chinese methods. It was a 'waiting time' hold-up that did the business for him.

"No employer who has a clear conscience gate when he comes representing a union gate."

gate when he comes representing a union only. It is the walking delegate who is secretly backed by a bosses' organization that makes all but the very bold and the very strong shake in their shoes, for the victim of such a highwayman knows that he is ambushed, and it takes a brave man

"A bricklayer who gets 65 or 70 cents

saber monopolists and a conspiracy of employing builder monopolists. Between the two he is ground to very fine powder into the way to live pretty comfortably. So he would be if he were not liable to be called out on a strike every time the walking delegate needs a roll of bills or every time some employers' association has occasion to club employers' association has occasion to club somebody who has ventured to compete with the ring. I know one instance of a bricklayer who was making between \$5 and \$6 per day. Then came one of those that had been in operation for years back.

"I do not undertake to say that the Building Trades Employers' Association has entered into a consultacy with the trades the sole support of the bricklayer and his family was his little boy, who earned \$4.50 per week as an office boy right here in this building.

"The result of the conspiracy at this The result of the conspiracy at this moment is utter chaos in the building world, with every prospect of trouble of all kinds ahead during the year. The men are disastisfied and the ring employers are all at sea with their conspiracy schemes. But they are working to get the schemes into shape and the arbitration project is one of the schemes. Under the guise of that arrangement the plan is to get all the trades unions bound to an agreement with the employers' associations which will give Weinseimering and the clubbing down of competition a full and free hand

name!' might very well be said now.

"Weinseimering is one of those crimes.

Weinseimering is flourishing right at this minute. It is going on all along the line in the levil direction of the constitution o

STOLEN 38 YEARS AGO.

Man Gets His First Month's Wages Back With Interest-Case of Conscience.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 8 .- Daniel Kehrer, an Eaglesmere merchant, whose winter home is in South Williamsport, to-day received a conscience fund of \$223, which represented his first month's wages, \$68, after coming to Williamsport from the country thirty-eight years ago, plus 6 per cent. interest The money was stolen from Mr. Kehrer's

"And what is the method of doing busi- BANNER NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Cut Short at 5 A. M. Yesterday and Workmen Called In to Make Repairs.

yesterday morning, and though the police succeeded. West Sixty-sixth street in that Weinselmer, to go and see those people and labor with them. And who was Weinselmer? The walking delegate of the plumbers union.

"In other words, under the terms of the nother words, under the terms of the walking delegate of the plumbers union. minated yesterday will carry the palm for

Carpenters, gasfitters, painters and glazlocked up in the West Fifty-third street prison awaiting further Magisterial examination. But what happened, and how it happened, nobody in the house seems to know exactly.

Many tin cans were filled with some-many tine common civilization opon when our civilization opon opon civilization opon civilization opon civil

one can (that was in his own apartment), his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Leary, who live across the hallway, being present. The O'Learys say they had their share, whatever that may be-and West Sixtysixth street says they are liberal when it comes to paying for a pint of mixed. It seems further that New Year's calls began

player's outfit, after the game, and a foggy Mrs. Reilly, with a bundle of kindling wood,

which she says was once her door panels, that being before the Gills and Dillons

O'Leary, discharged from Roosevelt Hos-O'Leary, discharged from Roosevelt Hos-pital, with a skilfully sewn lip.

Mrs. O'Leary, having a gap in her upper jaw where she declared there were four good teeth on Monday night.

Magistrate Pool asked at what hour it all happened. The Reillys and others said 9.39 o'clock on Monday night. Police-

man Ritchie said nearly daybreak yesterday. Said Mrs. O'Leary: 'I don't know, but it was just after I got backfrom the Morgue where I went with Mrs. Kelly to identify a party what was there—sure I'm no timekeeper. what was there—sure I'm no timekeeper. It ain't the time I'm kicking about. It's bury.

the loss of me teeth.
"Your Honor," said O'Leary, "don't ask
me. I heard Jane call and I ran out to see
what was the trouble. There was the Dilwhat was the trouble. There was the Dillons and the Gills and there was Jane. But when I woke up I was in the ambulance and they was just drivin' in the 'ospital gate. I hadn't had but two glasses of beer."

When Gill and Dillon reached the point of saving they were not guilty and hiring a lawyer it was so late that Magistrate Pool decided to close up shop for the day and go on to-morrow. As a beginning he fined Beilly \$10 and held the others under bail.

GIRL A BURGLAR AT 15. Confesses in Court to Robbing Home of Her Former Employers.

extortion that those who have undertaken to put up buildings in New York are so familiar with.

"We are classed presumably as 'pirates' in the business. According to the Chinese wall scheme of the Building Trades Employers' Association, all who come from the outside and undertake to introduct to fail.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN. TREASURES OF HERCULANEUM

PROF. WALDSTEIN TELLS ART LOVERS HOW TO GET THEM.

Cambridge Excavator's Plan for an International Movement to Renew Work in a Buried City Which Promises Results Far Richer Than Did Pompell.

Charles Waldstein, Slade professor of fine art in Cambridge University, England, lectured yesterday in the old Anson Phelps Stokes mansion at 229 Madison avenue, now the property of J. Pierpont Morgan, in support of the efforts that are being made to have the United States and the nations trade, now under pretty good headway, are checked.

"It is the old story over again," said Mr. Starrett yesterday, "the old story of a conspiracy between employing builders and building trades unions. The Sun hit the nail squarely on the head in an editorial on Aug. 25 last. The editorial was entitled Who is Rich Enough to Build? and it set forth in very forcible language the exact situation. That situation is that the owner who undertakes to build finds himself between two conspiraces—a conspiracy of Henry E. Howland, Mrs. E. H. Harriman

and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. Prof. Waldstein said that it was unfortunate that personalities should have any part in a great cause like the excavation of the art and literary treasures of Herculaneum, yet the newspaper despatches from Italy declaring that his plan had not been submitted to the International Society of Archæologists and that it failed to meet the approval of the Italian Government must answered. The inaccuracy of these despatches was partly proven, he said, by the fact that there is no such society as that mentioned.

"Only an hour ago," he continued, "I received a telegram from the Italian Ambassador at Washington which says that the Italian Government still retains its freedom of action in the matter and that no final plans of any kind have been adopted.

"My plan is merely one to carry out the work in the most efficient manner. The excavations are not to be my excavations. No foreigner, as such, should ever do the work in Italy. The whole world should cooperate in the excavations. The treasures of Herculaneum must be brought to light; the question is how. The Italian Gov-

light; the question is how. The Italian Government is not poor, but no one nation can afford to do the work, because the city of liesina is built upon the old city.

"There have been no excavations since 1875 on account of the modern city being there. The whole world must do the work and pay off the debt that the youngest of civilizations owes to the oldest. What is found there will be placed in a museum on the ground, for there is no thought of despoiling Italy. The nations of to-day will not despoil Italy as did the northern barbarians of the Middle Ages. They will restore."

barians of the Middle Ages. They will restore."

Prof. Waldstein's plan is to form national committees in each country, the honorary head being the ruler of the country. An international committee, which the King of Italy is to head, will be trustee of the funds and an international staff is to be appointed to consult with and help the Italian specialists on the ground.

Prof. Waldstein has secured the approval of King Edward VII., President Loubet, Emperor William and President Loubet, Emperor William and President Roosevelt for his plan. The two latter have consented to act as honorary chairmen of their national committees. Prof. Waldstein recontly lectured before President Roosevelt at the White House.

No money has yet been raised for the project. As regards Italy Prof. Waldstein read a letter from Signor Orlando, Minister of Public Instruction, who has charge of such matters, showing great interest in the

h matters, showing great interest in the

men Called In to Make Repairs.

The New Year's celebration at 215 West
Sixty-sixth street hadn't ended at 5 o'clock vesterday morning, and though the police

plan.

"I wish to begin my talk," said Prof.
Waldstein, "by thanking Mr. Morgan for his hospitality, extended as it is to a great cause. My interest in this work is not merely

interests change, religion causes trouble. Race doesn't accomplish much. But the common civilization upon which our civili-

place is covered with a hard lava he de-rided. The mud, he said, has acted as an excellent preservative of wood, papyri, statuary and other objects, whereas the ashes that covered Pompeii were destructive. Beides, many of the residents of Pompeii went back after the eruption and recovered their property, while the depth to which Herculaneum was buried prevented that.

Pompeii, he said, was a provincial town, while Herculaneum contained the villas of many of the greatest Romans. Herculaneum, too, was a Greek town, and up to the time of its destruction retained its Hellenic character and attracted Greek artists and writers.

artists and writers.

"Here we will find life arrested at its highest point," said Prof. Waldstein. "In one house alone sixty-five copies of one work on epicurean philosophy were discovered. Compared with Herculaneum, Pompeii was an illiterate town. May we not find in Herculaneum the lost books of not find in Herculaneum the lost books of Livy, the great lost dramatists and new light on the early history of Christianity?" Stereopticon pictures of the objects found in one villa prior to the cessation of work in 1875 were shown. They included bronze heads of dancing maidens and of philosophers, marble heads, heads of Homer, repoussé work, vases and house hold scales. Prof. Waldstein pointed of that even the scales were unusually artistic.

AMZI BARBER WON'T PAY A CENT. Counsel Says the Present Mrs. Tewksbury's

Representations Were Not Correct. Lawyer B. Gerson Oppenheim, counsel for Lewis G. Tewksbury, the broker who disappeared from here in 1899 leaving a large amount of debts, said yesterday that the woman who is suing Amzi L. Barber as Violet Aubrey Butler is Mrs. Tewks-

"The Tewksburys are now in London," said Mr. Oppenheim, "and the suit against Mr. Barber is brought by Steele, Defriese & Frothingham, Mr. Tewksbury's London solicitors, through Benoni Lockwood, Jr., who, as I understand it, represents the English firm. I do not know anything about the case except that I understand it is over some business affair of Mrs. Tewksis over some business affair of Mrs. Tewks-bury's before her marriage. Mr. Tewks-bury is at present doing business as a pro-moter in London and has partially re-established himself financially. He hopes a time to pay off his debts here, which amount roughly to \$600,000. He will not make any offer of settlement, however, until he can pay in full." Just why Mrs. Tewksbury is suing under her former name isn't clear yet. The suit

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 3.—Minnie Stotthoff, 15 years old, who was arrested at the
Opera House last evening while she was
viewing a sensational meiodrama, conviewing a sensational meiodrama, con-

"Mrs. Butler made certain representations to Mr. Barber which induced Mr. Barber to give her the drafts on which she is suing. Mr. Barber subsequently found that Mrs. Butler had misrepresented things to him and he stopped payment on the drafts. Mr. Barber is determined to fight this case and there will be no settlement of it. Since and there will be no settlement of it. Since the transaction he had with her she is alleged to have married Tewksbury.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN. Policeman Frank McLaughlin pleaded not guilty

a night watchman and feloniously assaulting a reporter.

One prospective Christmas present was left on the dealer's hands, but he is not disturbed over the fact. He thinks he can

disturbed over the fact. He thinks he can sell it yet and even if he does not the investment is fikely to pay for itself. It is a pearl necklace of seven strands.

"I have had an offer of \$350,000 for four of the strands," he said, "but I refused that. The necklace was bought for me by an agent in St. Petersburg, and I am holding it as an investment. Pearls are rapidly increasing in value, and money invested in them is well spent. them is well spent.

them is well spent.
"When a purchaser for these pearls comes along I will have made enough on the increase in value to pay me well for the money I tied up in them. And I know perfectly well that they will be sold."

A modishly dressed man entered a subway car the other day and sat next to a young girl who was evidently on her way young girl who was evidency on her way to work. He began to read his paper, but jumped up after a minute, looked in irri-tated astonishment at the girl, who was absorbed in her novel, and then took a seat opposite her, whence he continued to direct toward her the same astonished glances.
Light on the mystery came when the girl arose to leave the train and her companion

"Say, Mame, did you forget the tea?"
"It was so hot," answered the girl, "that I had to put it in my skirt pocket. I couldn't carry it."

New Yorkers are eating exotic game in these days, although it tastes not unlike

that to which they are accustomed.

"Very sorry, sir." said the head waiter in one of the large Broadway restaurants, "but we have no quail nor plover nor woodcock."

woodcock."

Then he remarked that the game laws made it impossible to sell this game after Jan. 1. The announcement seemed to interest the party very little.

"We have Italian guinea bens," he continued significantly. "They are quite as good as quail. And Australian owls that have a flavor similar to plover and Labrador lapwings that can scarcely be told from woodcock."

The party took Italian guinea hens and found they did taste remarkably like quail.

Animals find comfortable seats in queer spots sometimes. A cart which carries sawdust to butcher shops and restaurants on the East Side is drawn by a fat and good on the East Side is drawn by a fat and good natured white horse and guarded by a small woolly dog of nondescript breed. Whenever the cart stops the dog jumps from the seat to the horse's shoulders, where he sits on guard until the boss comes back. If the driver lingers too long he lies down, stretches his chin out on the horse's mane and goes to sleep as quietly as though he were on the hearth rug at as though he were on the hearth rug at

A good sort of a trolley conductor, who has ears for other things besides the bell of his fare register and whose run in Brooklyn brings him passengers to and from a certain cemetery, vouches for this story: A woman boarded his car at the cemetery the other day shaking with sobs. She had not been in the car long when two women

took seats opposite her. One of them seemed to recognize the woman from the cemetery, hesitated for a moment, then crossed the aisle and spoke to her. The sobbing one looked up and the identification was complete.

sobbing one looked up and the identification was complete.

"Why, Mary," said the woman who had
crossed the aisle, "where have you been
for so long and what is the matter?"

"I have been married," came the sobbroken answer, and I'm just after cremating my husband."

"Condolences were offered and the widow
soon afterward left the car, apparently

soon afterward left the car, apparently cheered, while her friend returned to the seat beside her companion and told all that Mary had unbosomed to her.

"And she's got husbands to burn," remarked the companion enviously, "while I'm still single."

cause. My interest in this work is not merely archæological. Such a step as this would be significant in the history of the world. If we can bring the nations together to restore the relices of the civilization upon which ours is based we will do much to bring about cordial relations between the nations.

"Peace treaties, common interests and sectarian religion can never permanently bind the nations. Treaties do not last, interests change, religion causes trouble."

me. "said an Italian hand organ man. "I've got to think of something to go with the organ next summer or be forced out.

"Early last summer they began to add the plain hand organ performance. First there were the mother and daughter, who juggled tambourines. Then there with the borse and the other with the dancing dogs. Just before snow flew three Italian acrobats got a hand organ man. "I've day morning. A smooth looking man was with them. As the three made their way to the ferry house Policeman Boyle caught sight of them and said to himself: "Come-ons, by jinks."

The cop's big heart went out to the unsophisticated looking Southerners and he tipped the wink to Special Detective Ryerson took in the situation and the two officers pounced.

"You Americans." said the newly arrived Englishman, " 'ave such nawsty, coarse wyes. I can overlook some of yer faults, but when I heerd a young girl call them trestle mounted cars 'ell trains I thought it was 'orrible."

There's lots of musical talent among the | police further. city's fire laddies, and it is turned to account in making the life of the men in quarters attractive at night.

entertainment in the big room upstairs. At the first tap of the gong all music ceases, and the first tap of the gong all music ceases, and the first possible good the gong all music ceases, and the first possible good the good the good the good the good state glimpse at \$600 as an evidence of good faith, and he said they would have to go to Brooklyn to get the \$3,000. They were on their way to a fire and the men who sang the game.

Fighting Flames" act the part of the song. "Fighting Flames" act the part of the song.

A park policeman and a reporter were going over the policeman's post near the Sixth avenue entrance late one night last week when the policeman felt something brush against his leg.

"Bless me, Sergeant Tom!" said he, looking down. "Are you locked out again? You'll have to keep earlier hours, my lad."

It was the police cat he talked to. Tom uttered a plaintive "meow," and the policeman walked back four blocks, opened the door of the Arsenal station, let the Sergeant in and then tramped back on THREW ACID AT HER HUSBAND.

Sergt, Tom, it is related, knows where to find nearly every policeman in the lower part of Central Park. When he is shut out he hunts up one of his friends to open the door for him.

The Sergeant can distinguish the sound of the wagon that brings meat to the me-nagerie from the milk wagon and other nagerie from the misk wagon and other wagons, and never fails to go to the door for his share of meat. The only time he is fooled is on Sundays, when no meat wagon goes fo the park. All the carnivora in the menagerie know when Sunday, the no-meat day, comes, but the Sergeant doors, yet.

A certain downtown man was commissioned by his wife to obtain two seats for the performance at a popular theatre. For two days he tried to get into telephonic communication with the theatre and invariably he was told that number

and invariably he was told that number So and So was "busy." Finally he laid the case before the exchange manager, by whem he was thus informed:

"The people at this box office don't pay any attention to a telephone ring, except maybe by accident. They don't want to hear the bell ring, even, so they usually take the receiver off and let it stay off for hours at a time. You are about the thousandth man that has made a similar complaint. I guess the show is so popular that the seats are all sold. Better wait till they have a little hard luck, and maybe they'll be glad to get a ring from somebody who might want to buy. Until then you are simply wasting your time trying to get into communication with them."

So evidently there are theatres where money is no object.

money is no object.



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COP SPOTS TWO "COME-ONS."

FARMERS UP FROM ALABAMA TO BUY "REAL MONEY" CHEAP.

Fell Into the Friendly Arms of a Big

Jim Eaton and his husky boy Bill, long haired, bewhiskered and short trousered farmers from Abernant, Tuscaloosa county, Ala., alighted from a Pennsylvania Rail-"This business is getting too swift for road train at the Jersey City depot yesterme," said an Italian hand organ man. "I've day morning. A smooth looking man

upon the farmer's escort. He put up a fight and protested against the "outrage" when placed under arrest. Jim and Bill Eaton gasped when told they were pris-

The "come-ons" and the alleged bunce steerers were taken to the First precinc station. The Eatons described themselve as James S., 61 years old, and William F 34 years old. Their escort said he wa 34 years old. Their escort said he was George Davis and refused to enlighten the

police further.

The Eatons were taken to the office of Chief of Police Murphy. Then Jim Eaton made a clean breast of the motive which induced him to come to New York with his attractive at night.

In the quarters of Engine 33, in Great
Jones street, where Chief Croker is to be
found at night, there are experts on the
violin, zither, banjo and several other
instruments. There is also an excellent
vocal quartet there. The men occasionally
have entertainments from 8 to 10 P. M., to
which a fow friends are invited.

In the quarters of Engine 33, in Great
induced him to come to New York with his
son. Somebody sent him a letter two
months ago offering to sell him \$3,000, as
per sample enclosed, for \$500. He wrote
for further information and got another
writer promised to pay all his expenses to
New York. Then came telegrams directing
Eaton to meet him at the Palace Hotel in
New York.

which a few friends are invited.

The real performance, though, takes place if an alarm of fire comes in during the entertainment in the big room upstairs. At the first tap of the gong all music ceases, and the firemen go sliding down the brass poles to the apparatus floor. It is like a vanishing scene in a theatre. Before the audience has had time to realize what is taking place the engine, the lose cart and the firement of the properties of the same and the said they would have to go to Brooktaking place the engine, the lose cart and the said they would have to go to Brooktaking place the engine.

the game.
"I'm durned if I think we-all would 'a got the worst end of it," snid the elder Eaton, when the chief told him that he would have received a bunch of paper for his good money. "They sent me a dollar bill for a sample, and when I took it to the bank the paying teller told me it was as good as gold." paving teller told me it was as good as gold I didn't tell him, sah, where I got it. reckon if I had we all wouldn't 'a come north, though my son Bill was dead set on Eaton carried a Colt pistol with a barrel

Came Home Quarrelsome and Go Drenched With Carbolle.

Walter Keating of 507 Third street, Union Hill. N. J., was taken to the North Hudson Hospital yesterday morning suffering from carbolic acid burns on the face. He told the police that his wife scolded him when he came home and threw the acid at him. Some of the liquid went in an eye, and it is believed the sight has been destroyed.

Mrs. Keating was arrested. She admitted throwing the acid. He came home in a quarrelsome mood, she said, and she fired a bottle containing acid at him in the dark. She didn't know she had hit him She didn't know she had she heard him cry. Then she took him to the hospital.

Keating wouldn't prosecute his wife and
Recorder Heuenstein discharged her.

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She Is to Leave the "Two Orphans" to

Appear in "Abigail" by a New Author. Grace George is to leave the all star "Two Orphans' company after their Harlem Two Yellow Fever Cases From Brazil. engagement on Jan. 21, and will resume Galveston, Tex., Jan. 3.—On Jan. 1, They Got Off a Train in Jersey City and her place at the head of her own company, two of the crew of the British steamship opening at Baltimore Feb. 8 in a new Horatio were taken ill with fever, and were

GRACE GEORGE IN A NEW PLAY. he proposes to produce in New York be-fore the end of the season. I sabel Irving has been engaged by Liebler & Co. to take Miss George's part in the "Two

Hearted Peliceman—A Smooth Lookling Escort Nabbed, Protesting.

American play by Kellett Chalmers, called

"Abigail." Miss George will play a prim
New England girl employed as a bookkeeper by a New York firm. Mr. Brady
thinks so well of Mr. Chalmers's work
that he has bought another of his plays
entitled "The Spirit of the Age," which

Horatio were taken ill with fever, and were
removed to John Healy Hospital. To-day
the cases were examined by State Health
Officer Dr. George Tabor, City Health Physician Dr. Trucheart and Quarantine Physicians McClendon, Moore and Sims, and
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